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1. EMBOFF HAS MADE LOW-KEY BILATERAL APPROACHES TO UK AND FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICERS ON V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS QUESTION. NEITHER INDICATED THEY WERE PREPARED TO REPLY TO OUR STATEMENT OF FEB 6 WELCOMING UK AND FRENCH VIEWS ON NAVAL VISITS AND EXCHANGE OF "SHUTTLE OPERATIONS" VETERANS. UK EMBOFF SAID THAT, THOUGH HE HAD NOT YET READ ALL THE REPORTS FROM WILSON USSR VISIT, HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT SUBJECT HAD EITHER NOT BEEN RAISED DURING VISIT AT ALL OR, IF IT HAD, WAS MENTIONED ONLY ON MARGINS OF MEETINGS. OTHERWISE, THERE HAD BEEN NO NEW SOVIET APPROACHES. UK EMBOFF SAID SO FAR AS NATO PRESENTATION WAS CONCERNED, LONDON WAS HAPPY NOW TO LET MATTER REST. PRESENTATION IN FEB 11 NATO POLADS HAD MET UK DESIRES. OTHERS IN NATO, PARTICULARLY THE ITALIANS, WERE NOW QUIET ON SUBJECT. FR EMB OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF THAT FRENCH HAVE RECEIVED NO NEW SOVIET APPROACHES. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT FRG SHOULD BE SATISFIED WITH US/UK/ FRENCH POSITION SINCE BONN REALLY NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE NEGATIVE STAND ON CEREMONIES HELD BEYOND GERMAN SOIL EXCEPT, PERHAPS, TO ASK THAT ATTENDANCE BE AVOIDED AT CELEBRATIONS WHICH PROMISED TO BE "UNPLEASANT."

2. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: AS INDICATED ABOVE AND IN REFTEL C, WE HAVE MADE INSTRUCTED PRESENTATION (REFTEL D) IN BONN GROUP ON SOVIET PROPOSALS AND INVITED VIEWS. IT IS OUR THOUGHT TO LET MATTER REST AND NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE TO SOLICIT VIEWS, BUT DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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